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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM  
FOR BUSY PRESENCE  
STATE DETECTION IN  
AN INSTANT  
MESSAGING SYSTEM

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection dated April 13, 2009.

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